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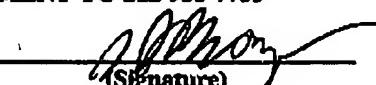
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## AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 22, 2006 please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

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